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SUBJECT: U.S. CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRPERSON FAO/WHO CODEX
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[1](#)B. USDA FAS 689318

[1](#)C. BOGOTA 01679

[1](#)1. In response to reftels B and C, FAS/Bogota delivered a letter with the talking points and bio of the U.S. candidate to members of the Colombian Committee on the Codex Alimentarius (CCC), including Ramon-Eduardo Madrinan, CCC Chairman, Javier Munuz, CCC member, and Blanca-Cristina Olarte, CCC Contact point as well as the Colombian Ministry of External Relations (MRE).

[1](#)2. Since then, FAS/Bogota raised the issues of attendance at the upcoming 31st session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and support for the U.S. candidate with the MRE and CCC members numerous times. MRE and CCC members informally told FAS/Bogota that while decisions on who will attend for the GOC and whether the GOC will support the U.S. candidate have not officially been made, the GOC does intend to send a representative and it appears likely that the GOC will support the U.S. candidate.

[1](#)3. In addition, FAS will provide CCC members with a copy of a June 6 letter and attachment from the office of the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to the Colombian Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development requesting support for the U.S. candidate.

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